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1. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, I PERSONALLY INFORMED SULTAN QABOOD IN JULY THAT FOR TIME BEING OUR OCCASIONAL USE OF MASIRAH WILL NOT EXCEED SIX TIMES PER QUARTER (STATE 183422, MUSCAT 0914). SUBSEQUENTLY, REVISED P-3 SCHEDULE FOR PRESENT QUARTER ESTABLISHED FOLLOWING ARRIVAL DATES: JULY 14, QUGUST 23 AND 30, SEPT. 06, 13 AND 27 (CTF SEVEN TWO MESSAGE 180454Z AUG 76). HAVE JUST RECEIVED REFTEL INDICATING ADDITIONAL FLIGHT PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 20.

2. DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS (MUSCAT 1088 AND 1118) WE HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED WHETHER SCHEDULED FLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 23 AND 30 TOOK PLACE. IF BOTH TOOK PLACE, AND ASSUMING NAVY STILL INTENDS CARRY OUT SEPT 27 FLIGHT, THE ONE PROPOSED FOR SEPTEMBER 20 WOULD REPRESENT SEVENTH RPT SEVENTH THIS QUARTER, AND I STRONGLY RECOMMEND IT, OR THE ONE FOR SEPTEMBER 27, BE CANCELLED. ONLY UNDER MOST COMPELLING CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD WE CONSIDER TOTAL OF MORE THAN SIX PER QUARTER, IN VIEW OF OUR STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS TO THE SULTAN. PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY SO WE CAN GIVE FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED THREE DAYS NOTICE IF SEPTEMBER 20 FLIGHT

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